

National Black Disability Coalition (NBDC)
Centering Our Voices, Leaders, and Community
November 2024 – November 2025

What is the NBDC?

The NBDC is a national coalition led by Black disabled leaders, community members, and partners. It exists to advance Black disability justice by:

- Building a strong community of practice
- Promoting inclusive research and advocacy
- Creating leadership opportunities for Black disabled people
- Mobilizing policy change rooted in lived experience

Membership is free and open to Black disabled people and allies across Canada.

Why this matters

Black disabled people in Canada continue to face systemic barriers:

- **51%** unemployment
- **61%** poverty
- **0.05%** entrepreneurship representation

The coalition creates space for Black disabled people to lead, share knowledge, and shape decisions that affect our lives.

Key Components

Executive Committee

Provides leadership and oversees coalition strategy and deliverables.

Affinity Groups

Focused groups for Black disabled people and community members in these four areas:

- Youth
- Entrepreneurship
- Research & Policy
- Health & Wellness

National Members

Open to individuals across Canada who want to stay engaged, attend events, and support the work.

Program Highlights

Connections & Conversations

Monthly meetings, roundtables, and think tanks.

Professional Development Seminar Series (with Certificate)

June 19: Neuro-Inclusive Workplaces & Classrooms

June 26: Accessibility and Artificial Intelligence

Oct 10: A Job is Good, A Career is Better

Oct 23: Employment & Economic Justice Forum

Timeline

- **Nov 2024 – Mar 2025:** Steering Committee and Affinity Group recruitment
 - **May 2025:** Official Launch
 - **June – Nov 2025:** Events and Conversations
 - **Dec 2025:** Final report and Annual Town Hall
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Important Dates

- May 27, 2025: NBDC Official Launch
- Aug 23, 2025: Black Student Success Summit
- Sept 26, 2025: All Members Meeting


- Sept 27, 2025: Ase 5-Year Gala & Awards
 - Dec 6, 2025: Annual Town Hall
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Join Us

Black disabled people and aligned community members are invited to become members.

You'll get access to events, learning opportunities, and decision-making spaces.

 Sign up here: <https://asecommunityfoundation.com/coalition>

 Email: coalition@asecommunityfoundation.com

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“Black disabled people thrive on a path they design.” — Ase Vision

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